

Building Committee Minutes
March 25, 2008
Town Office

Present: Joe Fiala, George Malette, Don Burke, Sherry Burdick
Guests: Tom Clow, Chief Bob Richards, Chip Meany, Fred Ventresco,
Keith LaCasse, Ron DeBlois

Meeting opened @ 5:00

Minutes of 3/4/08 were moved to accept by Fiala, seconded by Burke, all in favor

Purpose of meeting is to discuss Fire Mitigation Plan to be submitted to the Fire Marshall.

Ron DeBlois of DeBlois Risk Services gave an overview of his role in preparing the report. Items need to address Fire Marshall's report only. Discussed the importance of compliance.

References used will be 2003 Life Safety Code and Uniform Safety Code. Main task will be prioritizing projects. Some violations can be addressed immediately and/or with little cost. Some items will be costly. Sprinklers will allow some leeway in addressing some other issues.

Fire Marshall is looking for a "good faith effort" on the town's part.

Final plan must be approved by the Fire Marshall.

The group toured the building with DeBlois to evaluate some of the issues. DeBlois said town would need to hire a fire escape specialist to address that issue.

Lighting in the Cable room is a big problem—extensive rewiring needed. Some of the upstairs doors may not need to be fire rated.

According to code the building probably does not need sprinklers. Fire Marshall will use a standard of "reasonableness" in addressing concerns.

Sprinkling may address some of the wainscoting and door issues.

Two fire doors on main floor are rated 1.5 hours.

Counter in the Clerk's office will be an issue.

Boiler room has no fire protection.

Basement has many doors and steps; many doors need to be reversed.

Space heaters are unacceptable.

Electrical panels are in decent shape—need to be marked properly.

Finish the interior work on the electrical room.

DeBlois will take photos and measurements to begin report process.

Committee members convene to discuss next agenda—Town Hall roof, Stone Building and Highway garage.

Decided by consensus that Building Committee is comprised of 3 full members (3 years) 1 alternate (3 years) and that more alternates would be acceptable, and that there is no ex-officio. It is understood that Selectman LaCasse is interested in joining the committee.

Next meeting is 4/8/08 4:00 pm, Town Office.

Adjourned 5:49

A True Record,
Joe Fiala